

CHAPTER

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ATTACK on TITAN



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...WHEN
NOTHING BUT
MERE MATTER
EXISTED IN
THIS WORLD.

LONG,
LONG AGO...



...ONE
OF THEM
EVENTUALLY
SURVIVED.

AS
COUNTLESS
MASSES OF SOME
UNKNOWN THINGS
APPEARED,
DISAPPEARED,
THEN APPEARED
AGAIN...

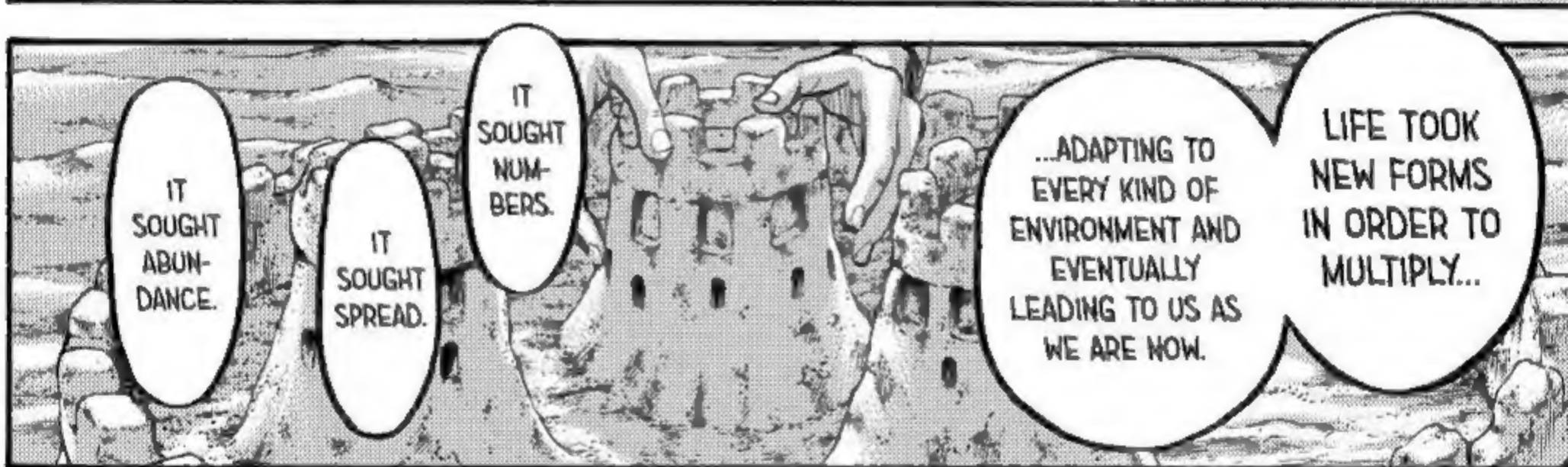


WE NOW
KNOW IT AS
"LIFE."



...WAS
BECAUSE IT
WAS IN ITS
NATURE TO
MULTIPLY.

THE
REASON
THAT LIFE
ULTIMATELY
SURVIVED...



IT
SOUGHT
ABUN-
DANCE.

IT
SOUGHT
SPREAD.

IT
SOUGHT
NUM-
BERS.

...ADAPTING TO
EVERY KIND OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
EVENTUALLY
LEADING TO US AS
WE ARE NOW.

LIFE TOOK
NEW FORMS
IN ORDER TO
MULTIPLY...



...IS TO
MULTIPLY.

THIS IS
TO SAY THE
PURPOSE
OF LIFE...

AND
SO.

BUT LIFE
NEVER STOPS
IN ITS FRANTIC
QUEST TO
DO SO.

THEY
DON'T
SEEK TO
MULTIPLY.

THE
WAT-
ER.

THESE
PEBBLES.

THIS
SAND.



...AND
WHY THAT CHILD
SO DESPERATELY
SOUGHT TO AVOID
SUCH PAIN.

THAT IS
WHY WE FACE
THE PUNISHMENT
KNOWN AS
FEAR.

DEATH AND
EXTERMINATION
OF THE SPECIES
RUNS COUNTER
TO THE GOAL OF
MULTIPLYING.

AFTER
ALL.



AND
THEN SHE
ESCAPED
TO A WORLD
THAT WAS
FREE...

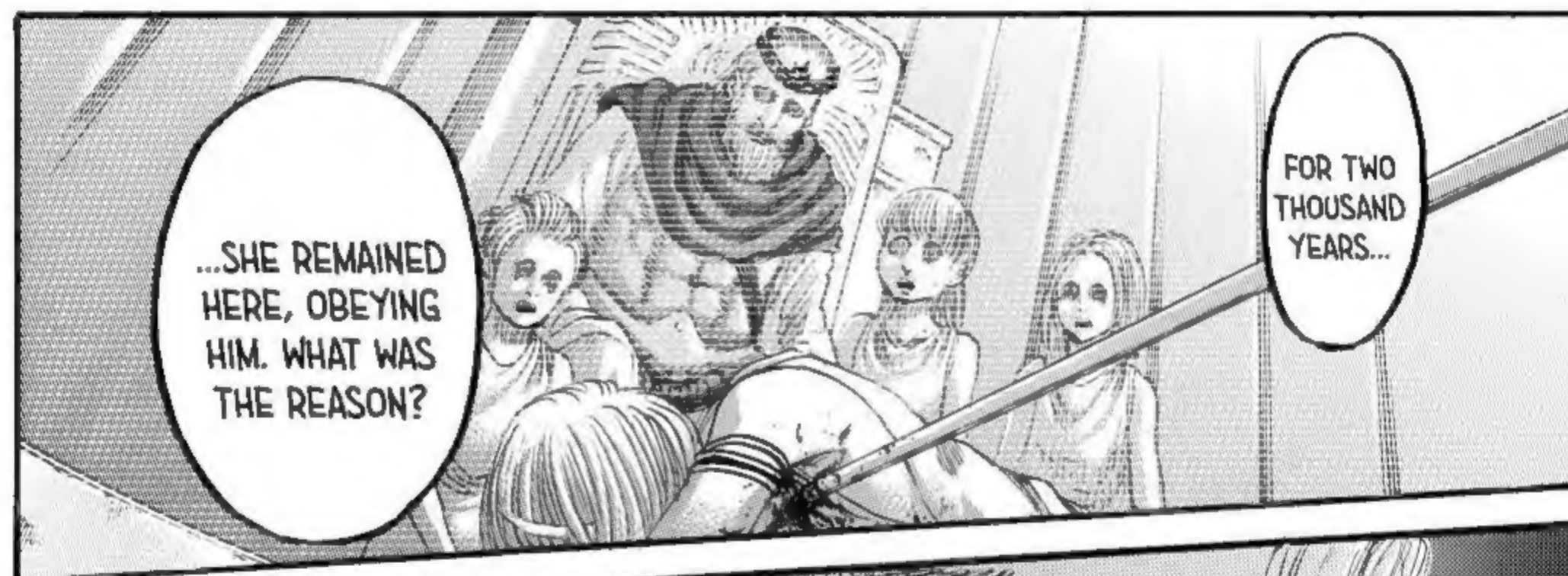
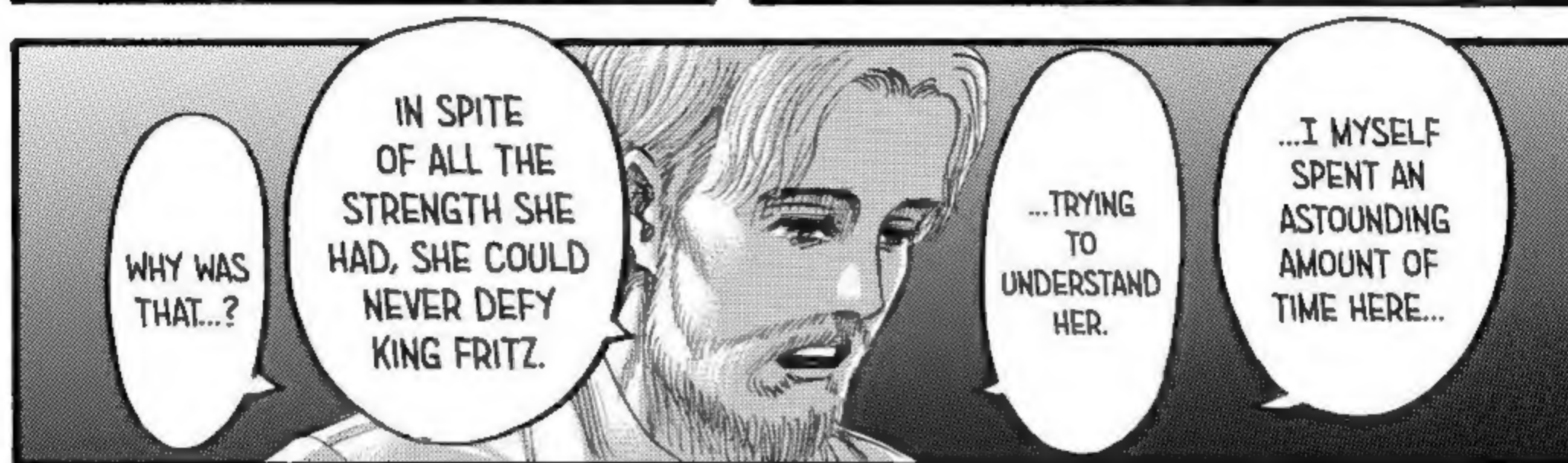
SHE GAVE
BIRTH TO
AN UNDYING
BODY.

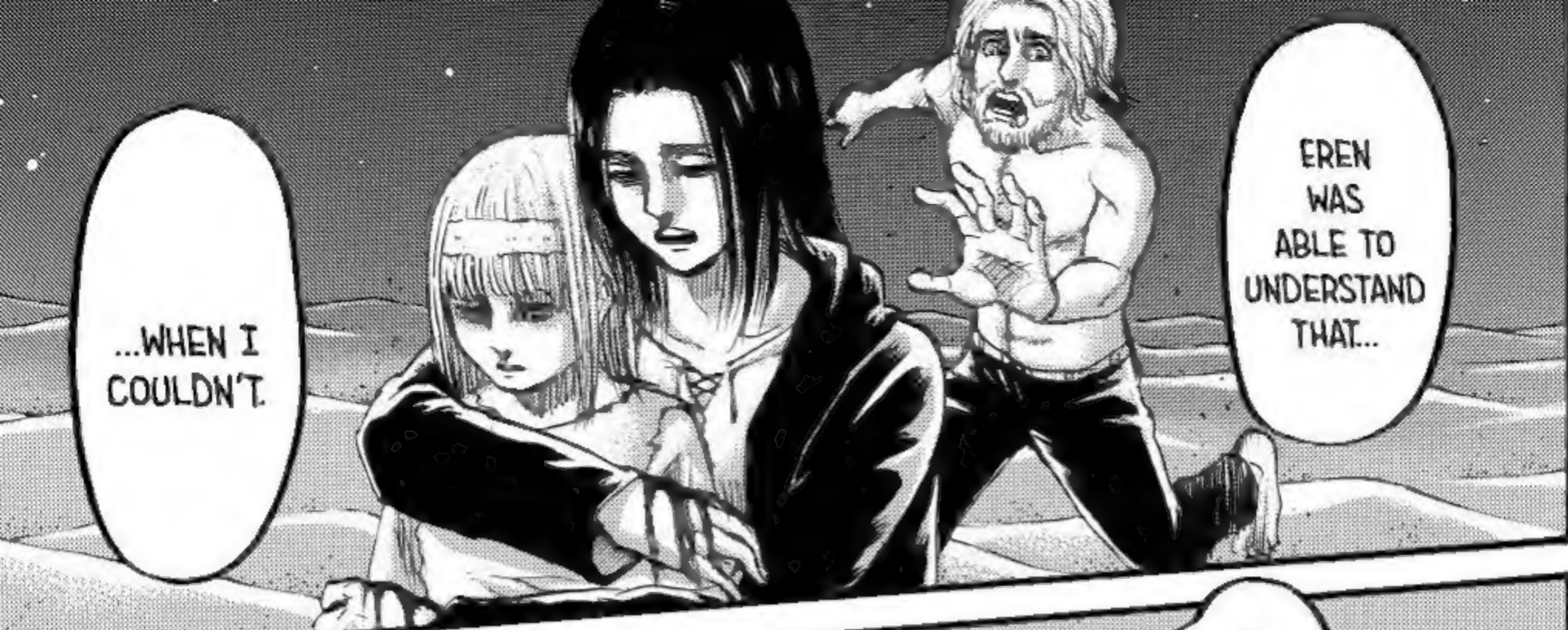
SOME-
THING
LARGER.

SOME-
THING
STRON-
GER.

...OF EVEN
DEATH.

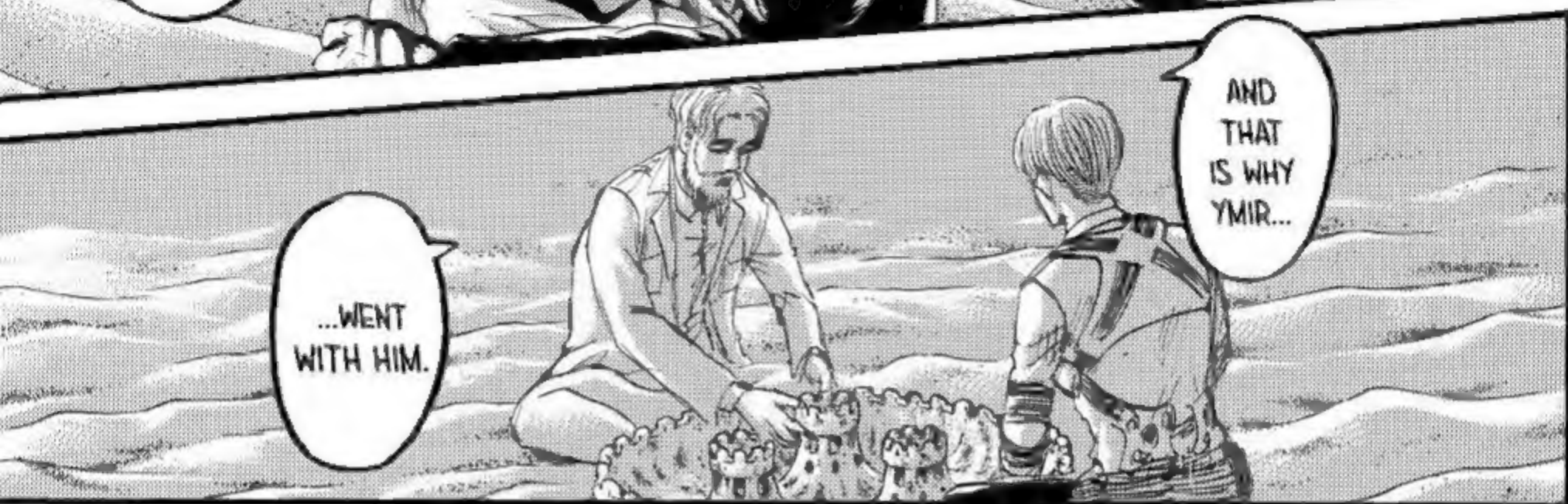






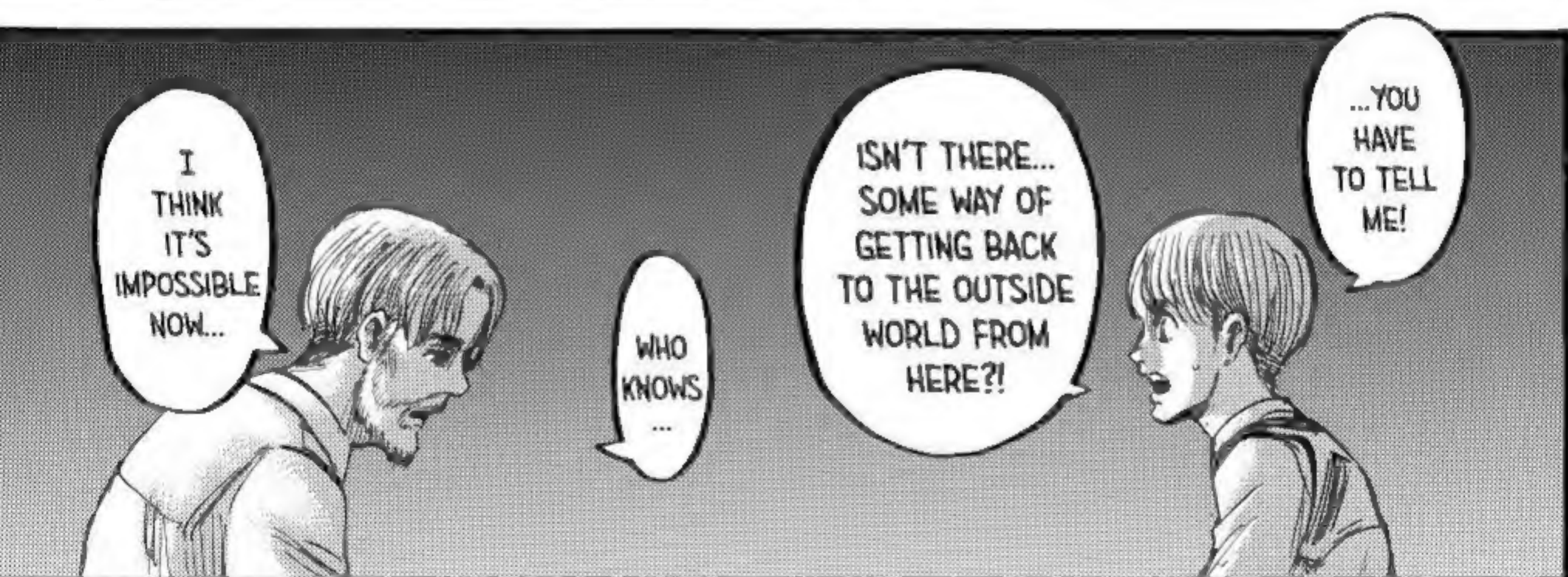
...WHEN I
COULDN'T.

EREN
WAS
ABLE TO
UNDERSTAND
THAT...



...WENT
WITH HIM.

AND
THAT
IS WHY
YMR...



I
THINK
IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
NOW...

WHO
KNOWS
...

ISN'T THERE...
SOME WAY OF
GETTING BACK
TO THE OUTSIDE
WORLD FROM
HERE?!

...YOU
HAVE
TO TELL
ME!




WHY...?

...



I
HAVEN'T
GIVEN UP ON
ANYTHING
YET.



IS THE
CONTINUATION OF
YOUR SPECIES THAT
IMPORTANT A TASK
TO YOU?

TO
CONTINUE
TO
MULTIPLY?

WELL
...



A KIND
OF FEAR
BROUGHT
ABOUT BY
COMPLETELY
POINTLESS
VITAL
ACTIVITIES
THAT...

...COULD BE
CALLED THE
MISERABLE
SIGHT OF
LIFEFORMS
CONTROLLED
BY FEAR.


WHAT'S
HAPPENING
NOW...



WHAT
WE'RE DOING
IS FIGHTING
FEAR!!

BECAUSE
WE CAN
STILL SAVE SO
MANY PEOPLE
FROM
TERROR....!!

MY
FRIENDS...
THEY'RE
FIGHTING
RIGHT
NOW!!



...MEANS
TO ONE
DAY DIE,
DOES IT
NOT?

YOU
KNOW
THAT TO
LIVE...

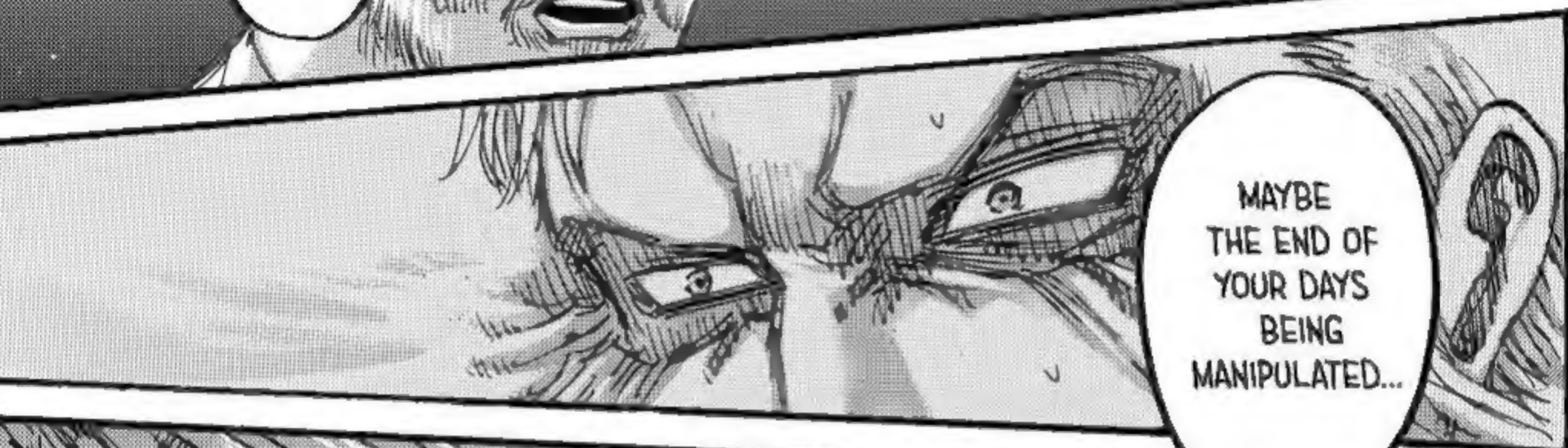
WHAT
WOULD
BE WRONG
WITH
LOSING
THAT
FIGHT...?



...BRINGS
RELIEF.

PERHAPS
ONE'S FINAL
MOMENTS...

WHO
KNOWS
...



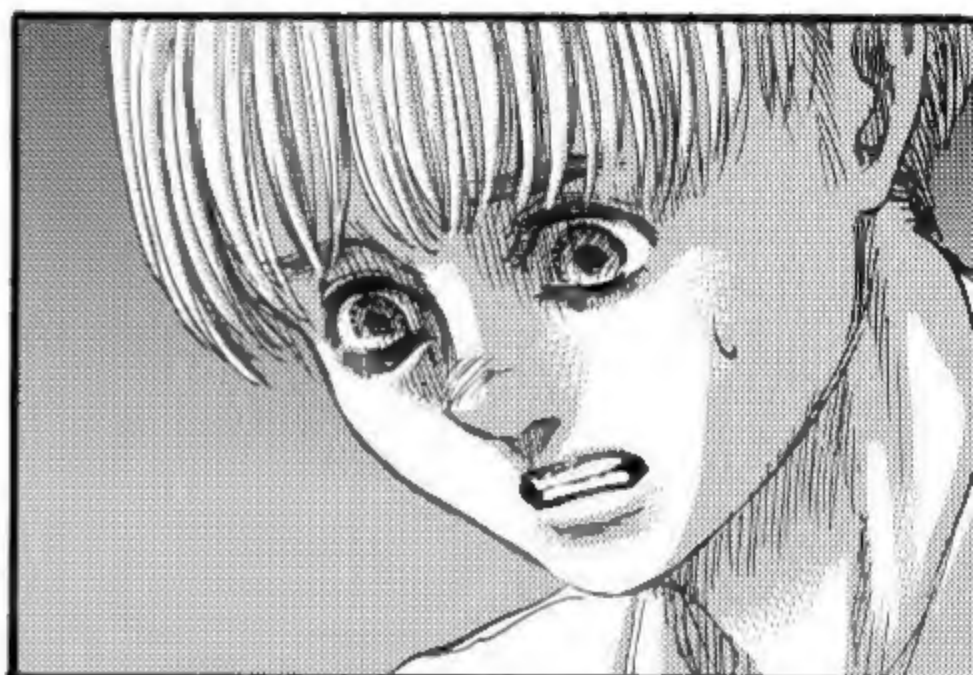
MAYBE
THE END OF
YOUR DAYS
BEING
MANIPULATED...



...ALL IN
THE NAME OF
MULTIPLICATION
...



...WITHOUT
EVER KNOWING
IF IT MEANS
ANYTHING
AT ALL...





THE
THREE OF
US...WERE
RACING.

WE WERE
RUNNING TO
A TREE ON
THE HILL.

THE
SUN WAS
STARTING
TO SET.



AND OF
COURSE, I
WAS DEAD
LAST...

MIKASA
RAN TOO, BUT
STAYED BEHIND
HIM ON
PURPOSE...

ERIN
BROUGHT UP
THE IDEA AND
TOOK OFF OUT
OF NOWHERE...



AND
...

LEAVES
FLUTTERED
EVERY-
WHERE.

...FOR SOME
REASON, I
THOUGHT
THEN.

JUST
RUNNING
FELT
GOOD...

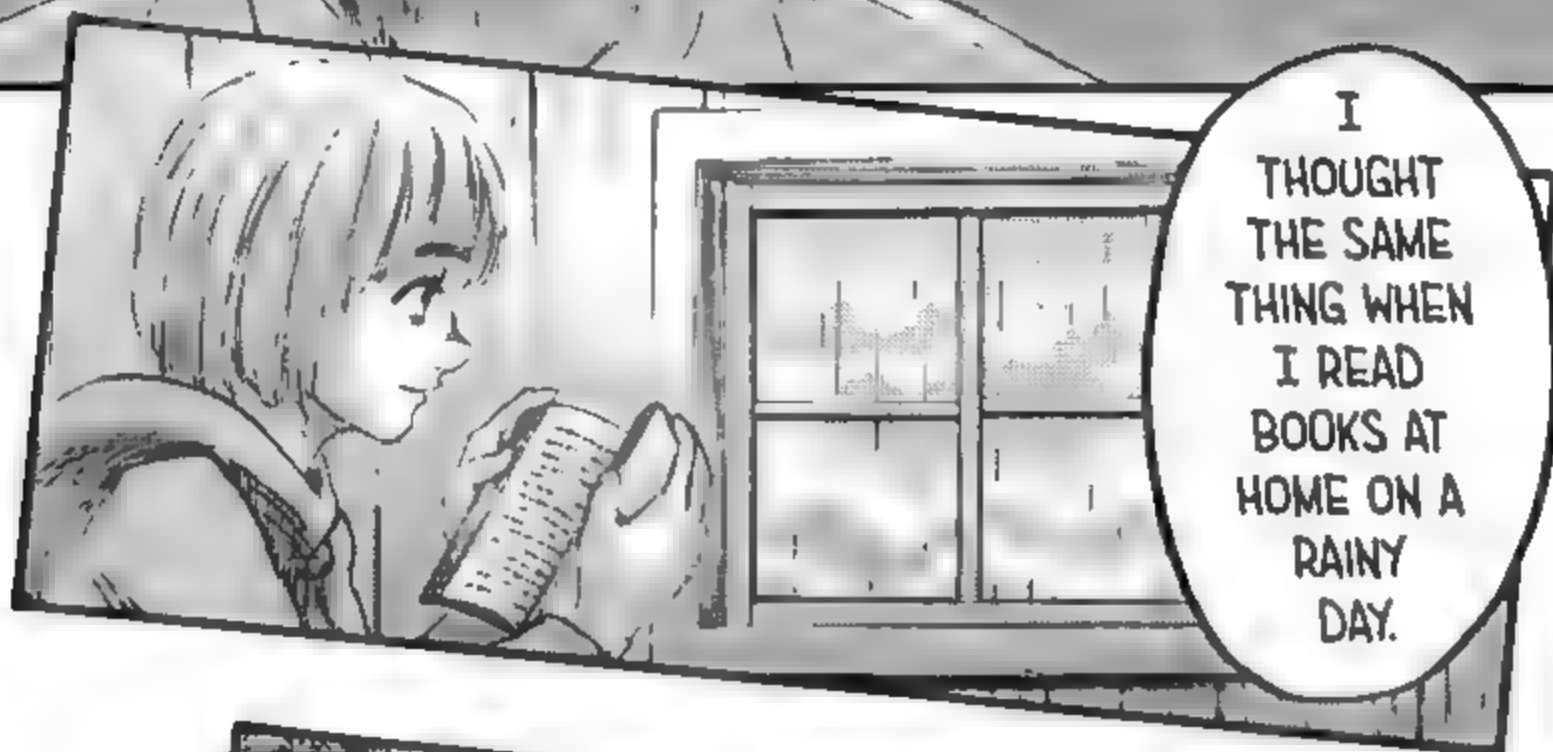
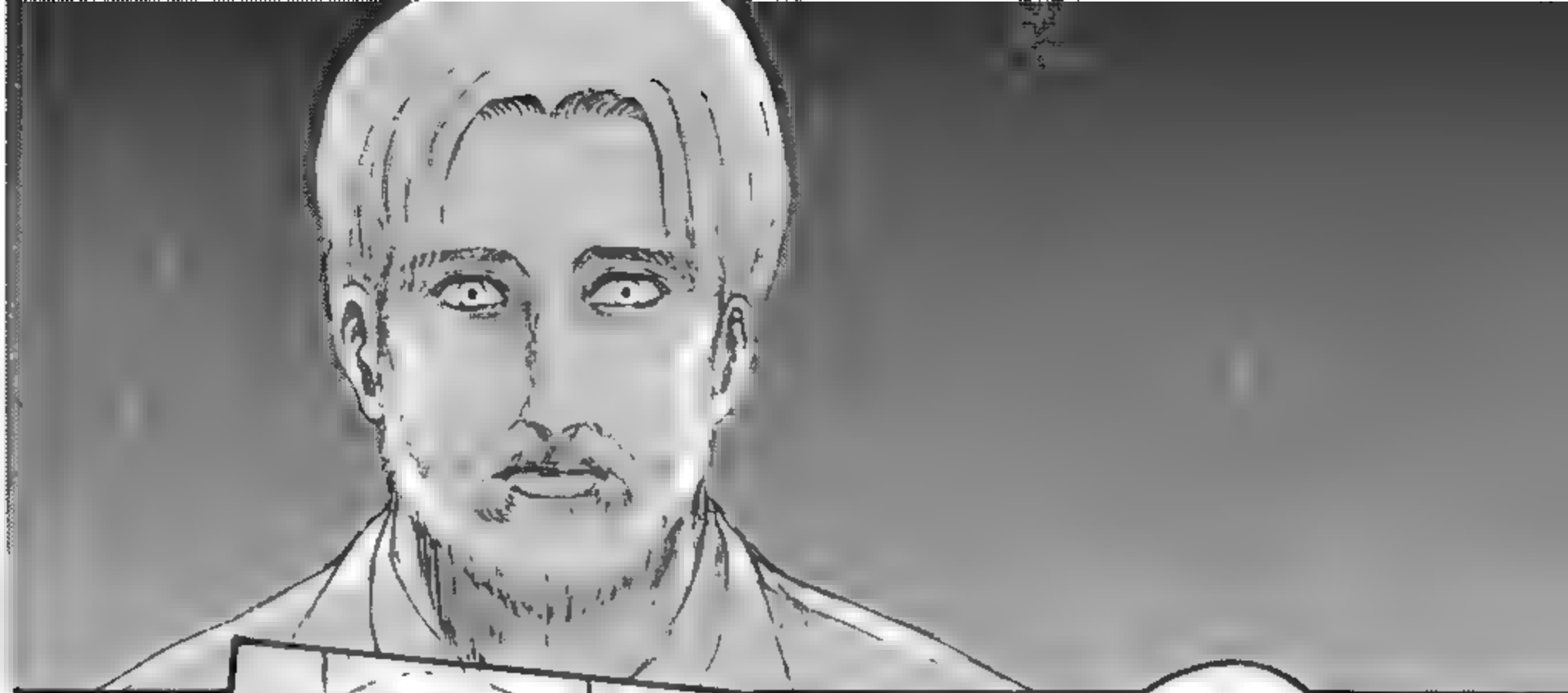
BUT...
THE BREEZE
WAS NICE AND
WARM THAT
DAY.

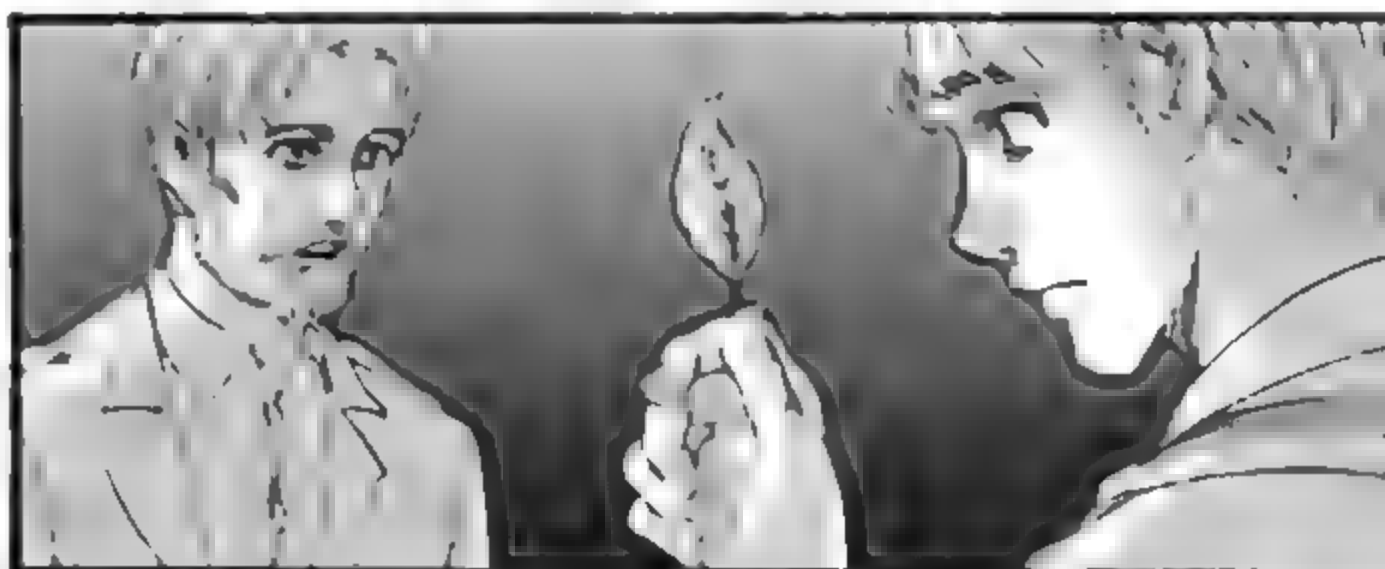


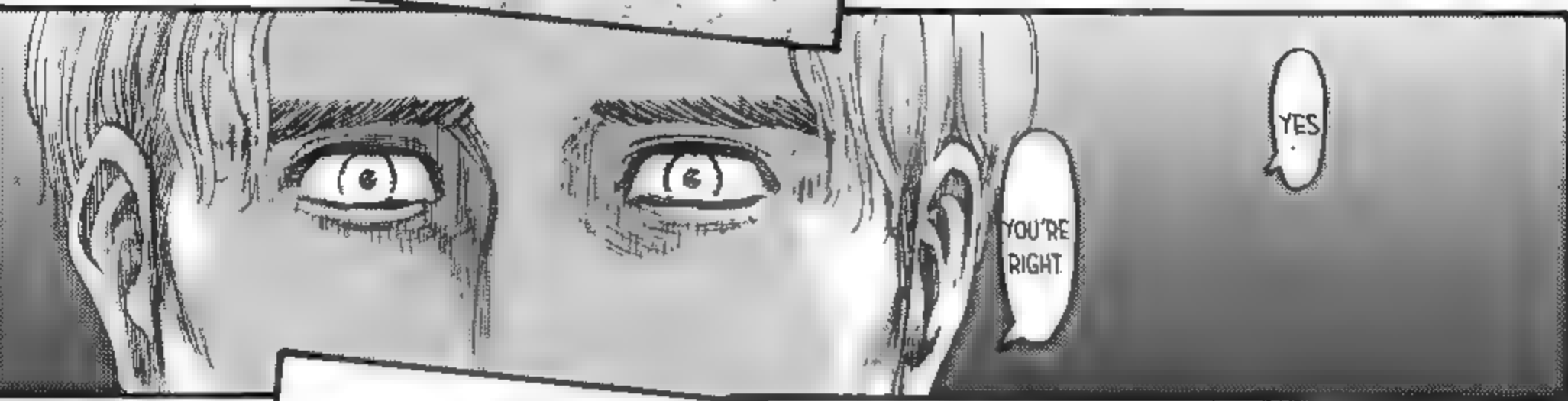
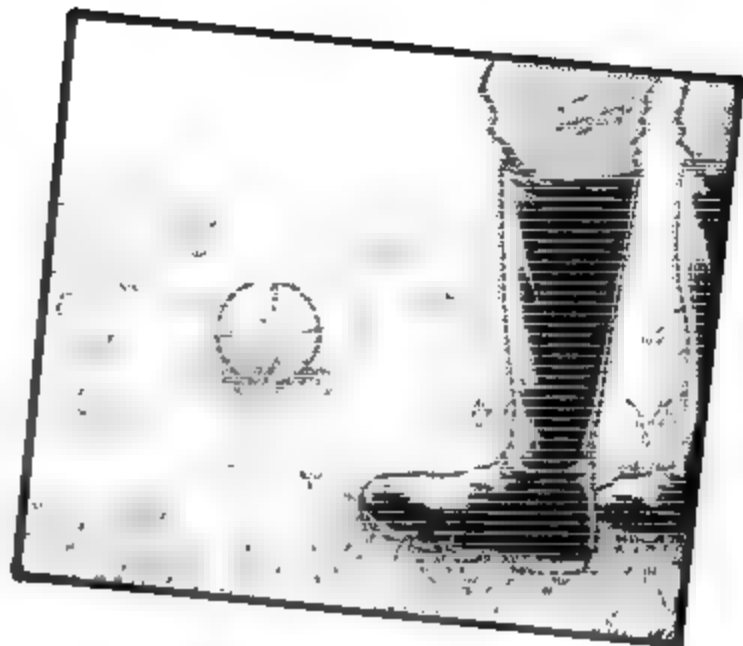
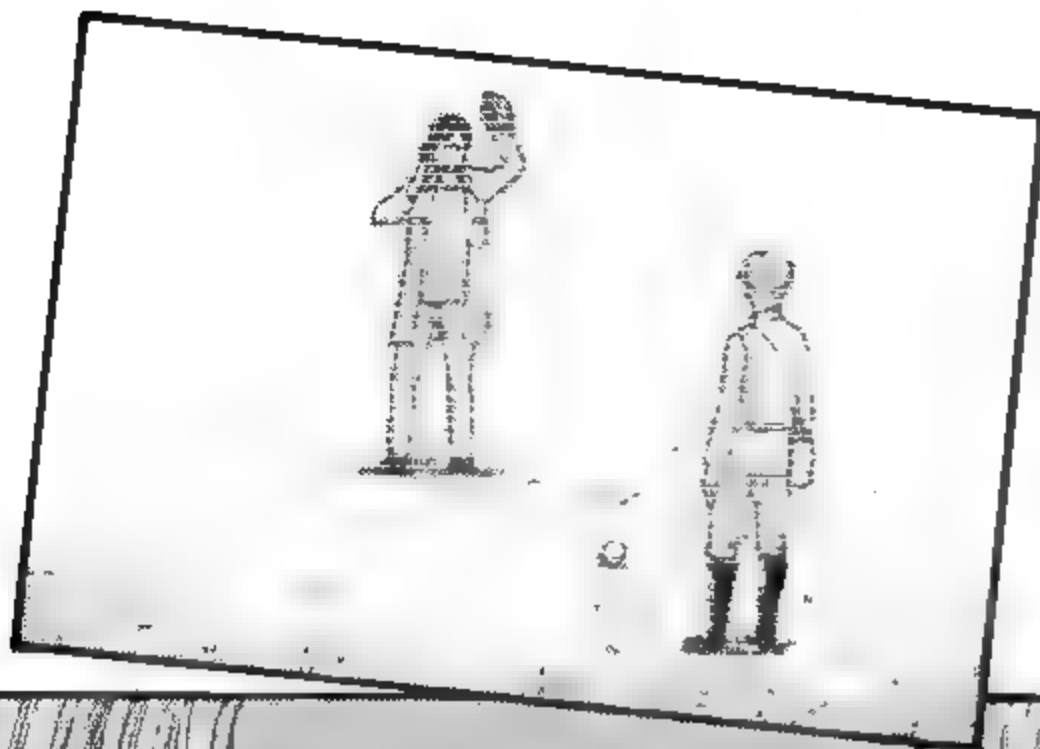
MAYBE
...

...THE
REASON I
WAS BORN...

...WAS SO
THAT THE
THREE OF US
COULD BE
RACING
THERE...







YOU'RE
RIGHT

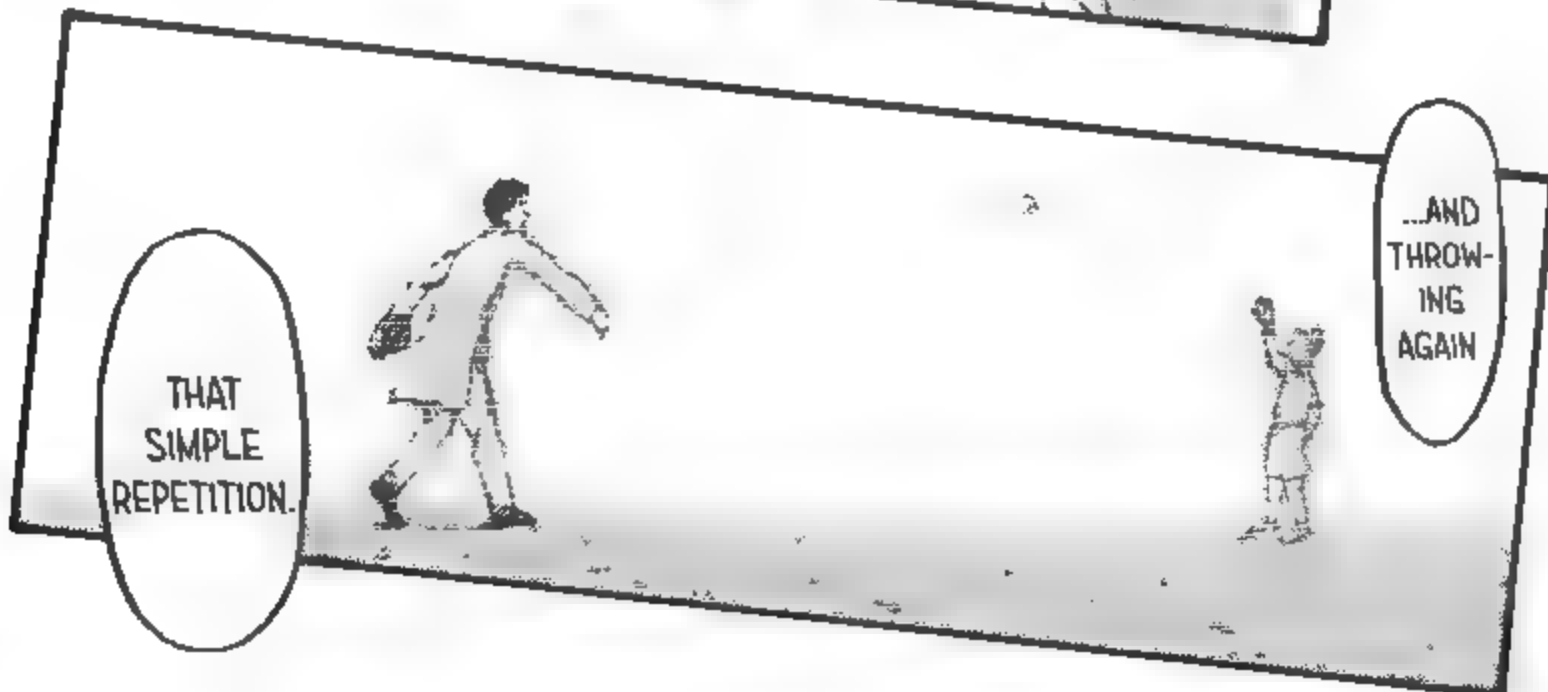
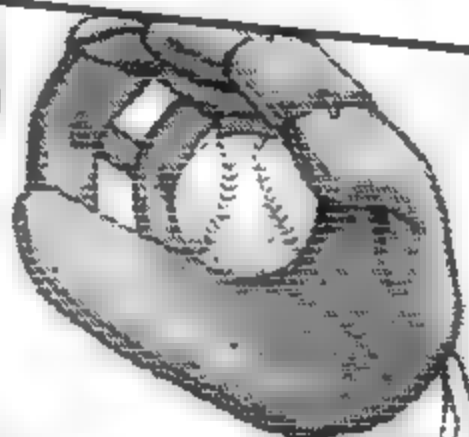
YES



JUST
THROW-
ING...



...
CATCH-
ING
...



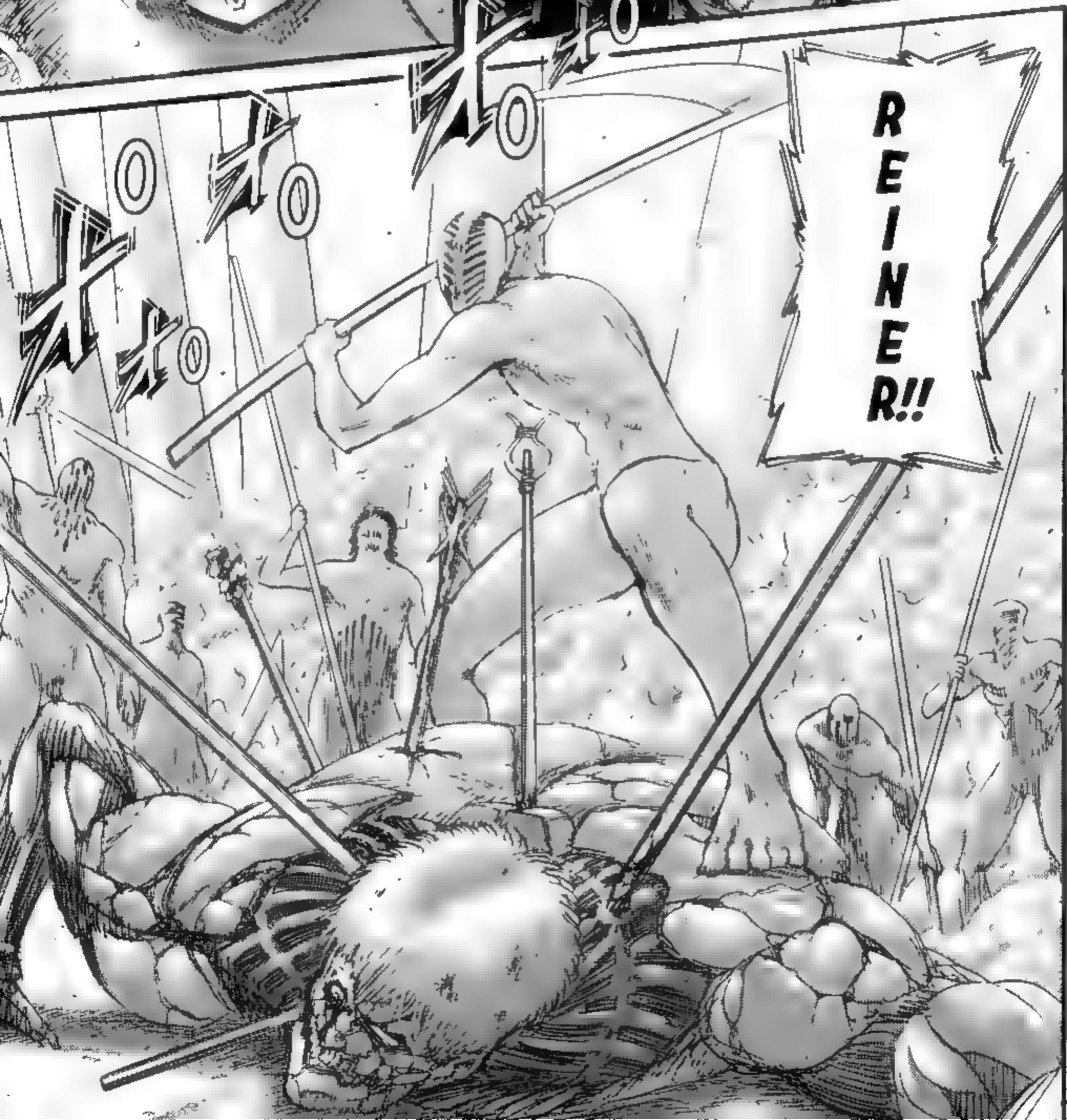
THAT
SIMPLE
REPETITION.

...AND
THROW-
ING
AGAIN











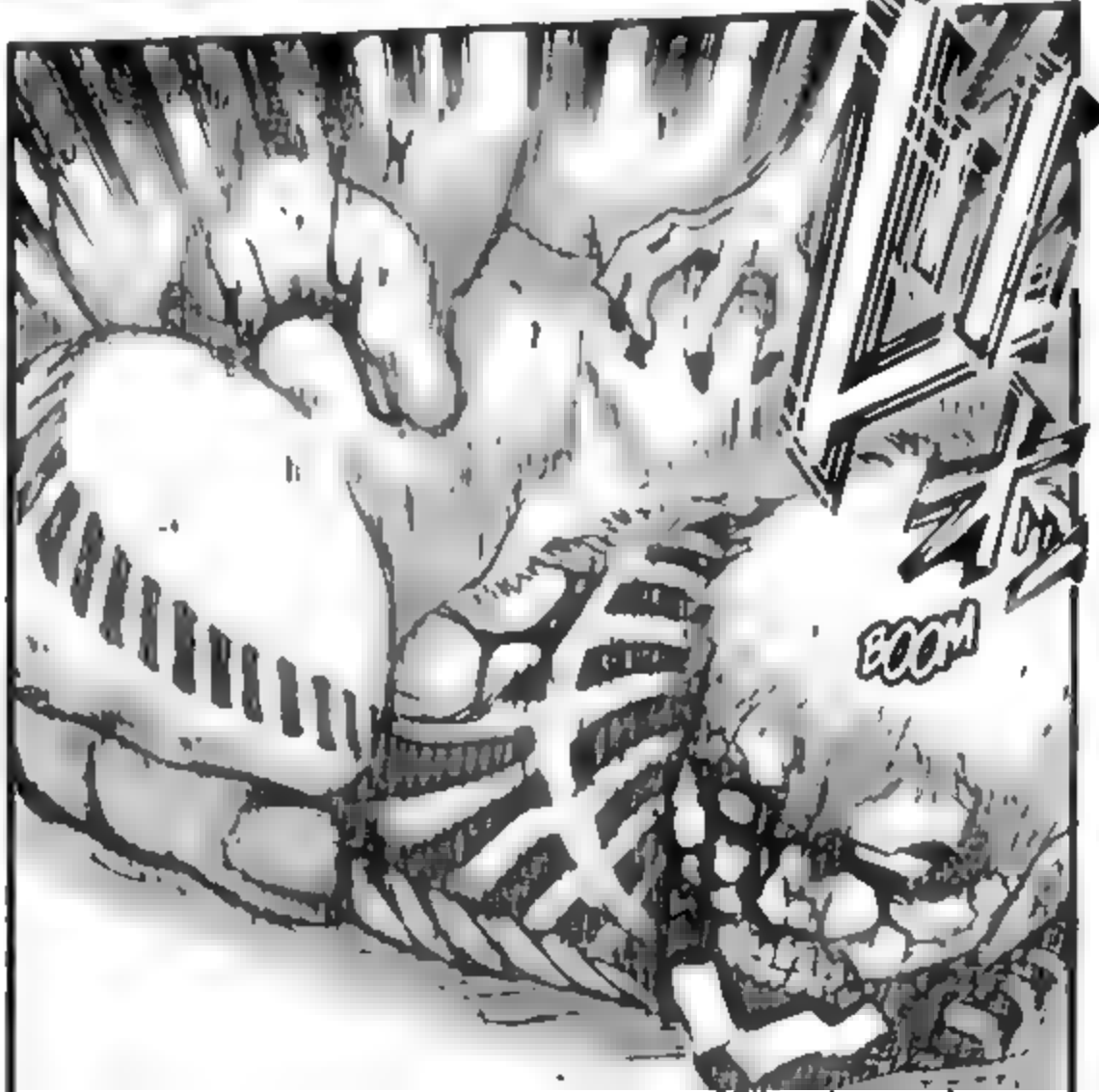
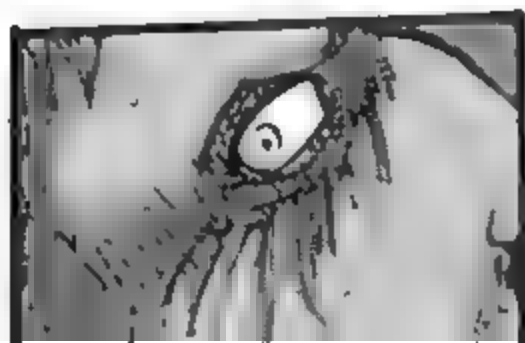
**A
N
N
I
E!!**

BOOM

WHA
?!?



BERTOLT...





YMIR...?!



...BUT.

...I
DON'T
KNOW...



BERTOL
T?!

DID
HE JUST
SAVE
US?!

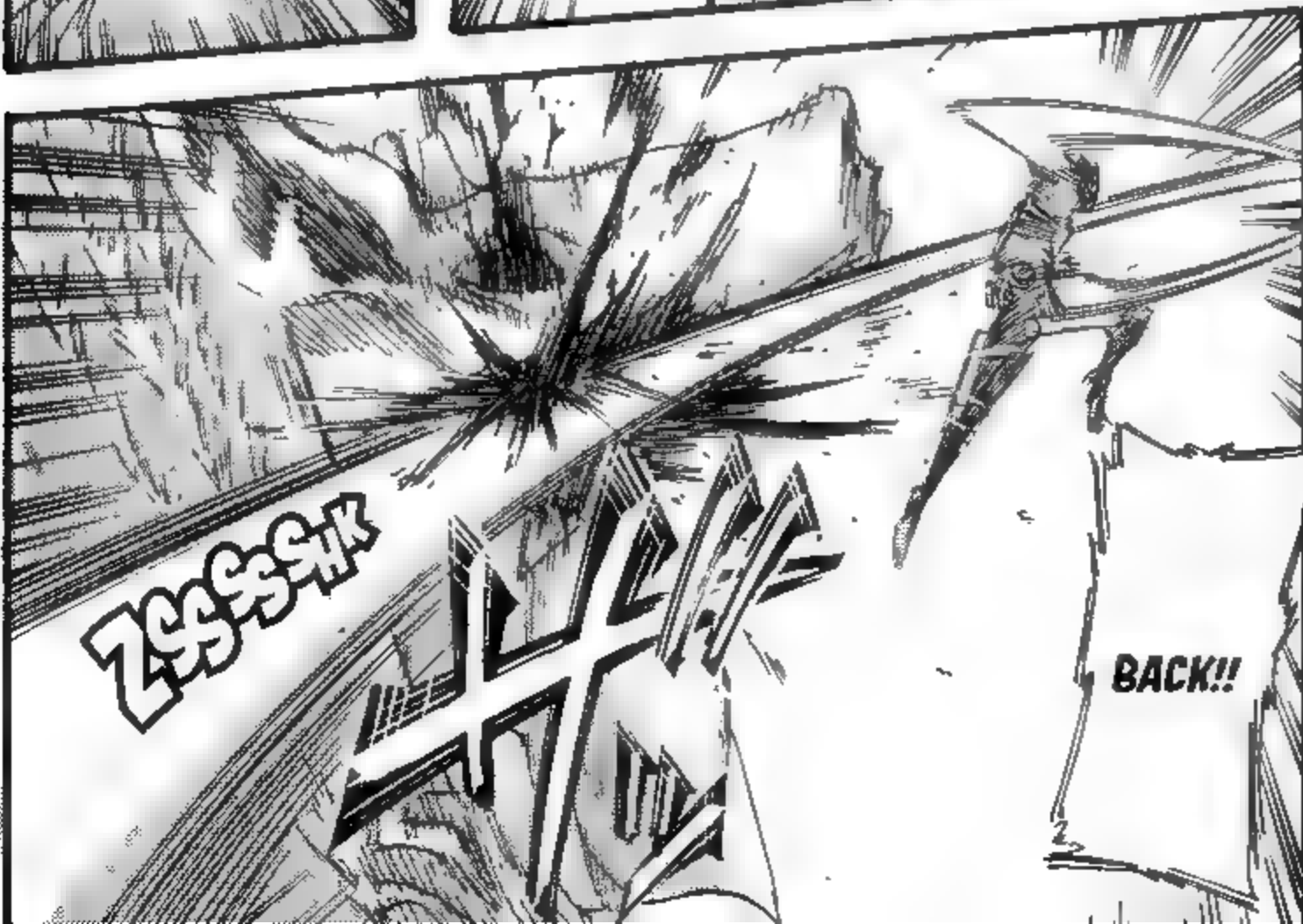
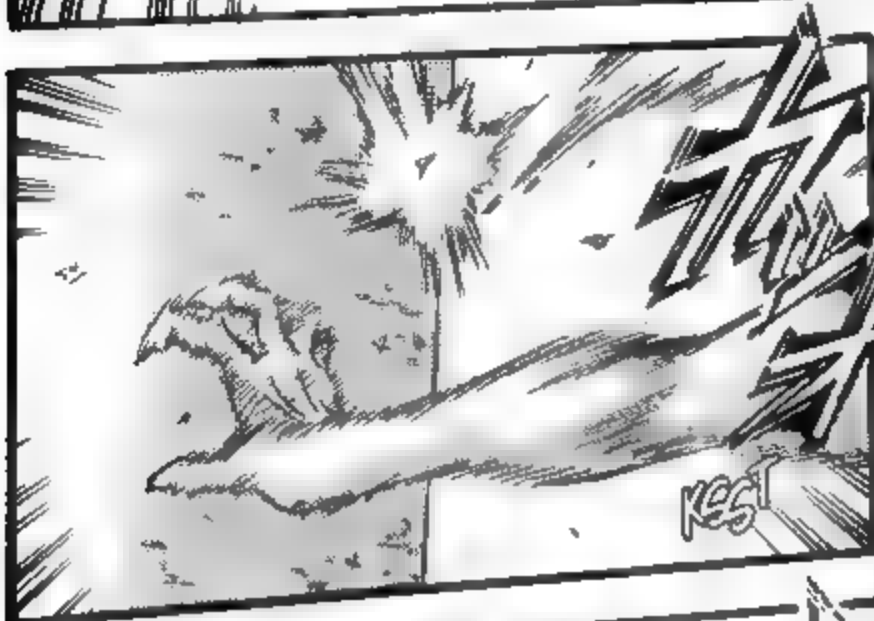


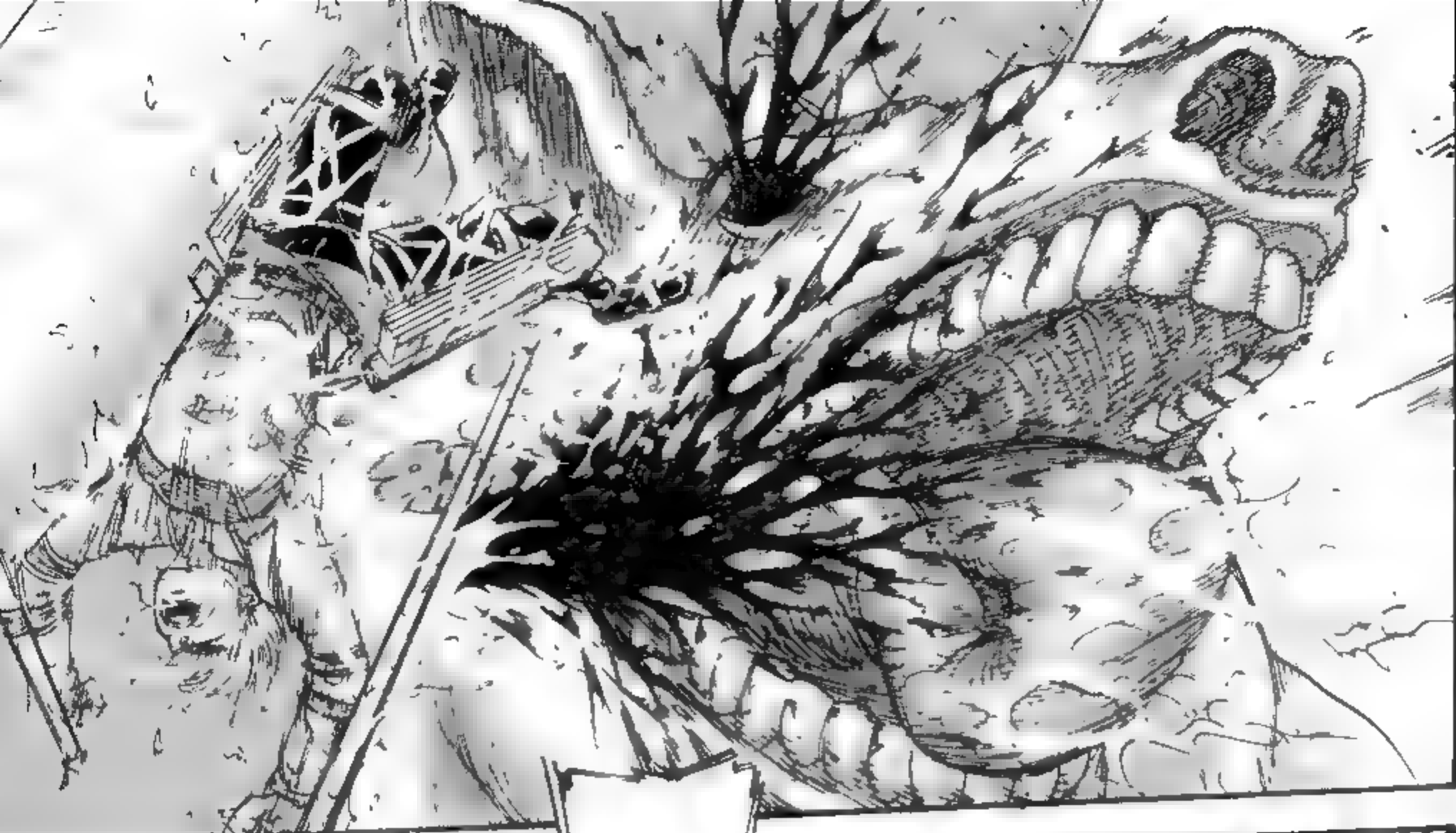
BAM



SCREEEE

I'M NOT
WASTING THIS
OPPORTUNITY!!





ARMINI!!



WHA?!

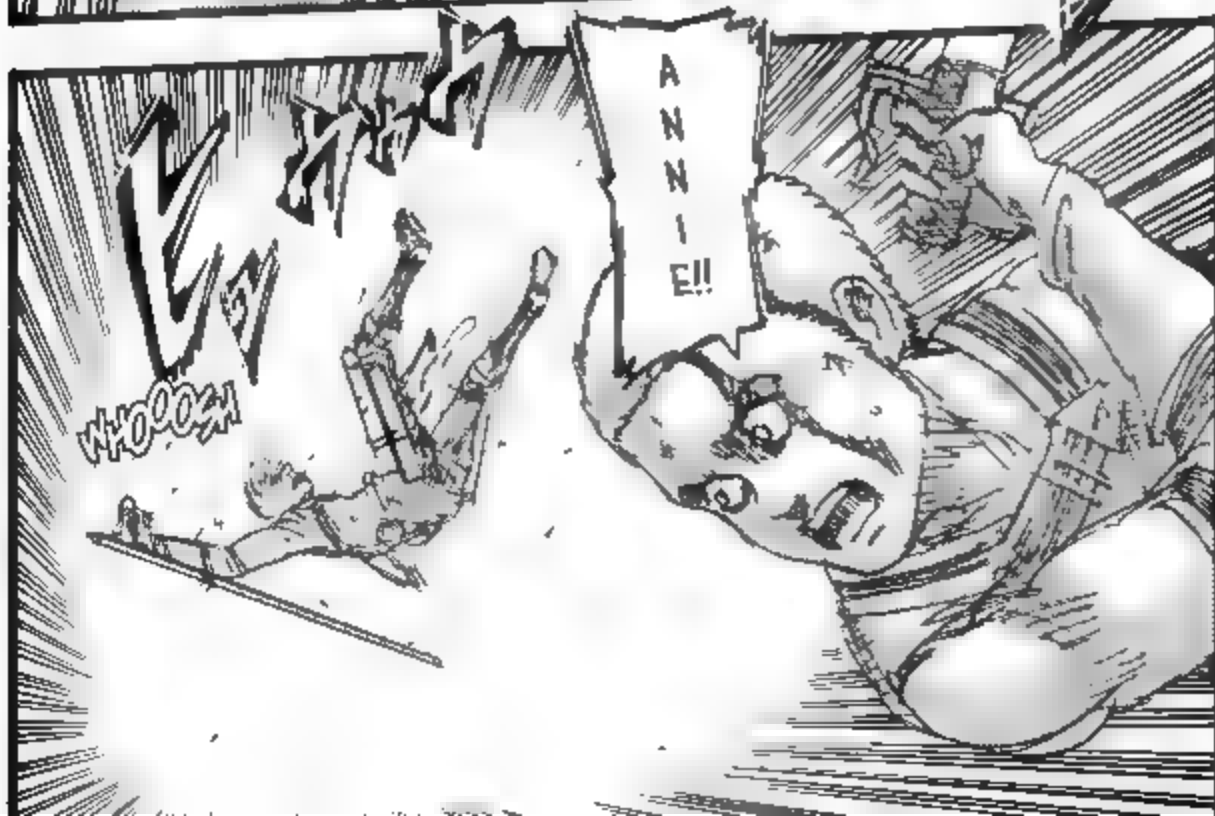




HRAAGH!!



WHOOSH



ANNIE!!



AGH!!

TUG







WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!



H
E
E
Y!



SEEMS
THAT
WAY.

THE
TITANS
ARE
HELPING
US?!



H
E
E
Y!

OVER
HEE-
ERE!

NO
WAY

WHAT
...?



...Z
E
K
E.



CAN'T
SAY I
WANTED
TO DO THE
SAME!!


YOU
WANTED
TO MEET
ME,
DIDN'T
YOU,
LEVI?!



Z
E
K
E?!

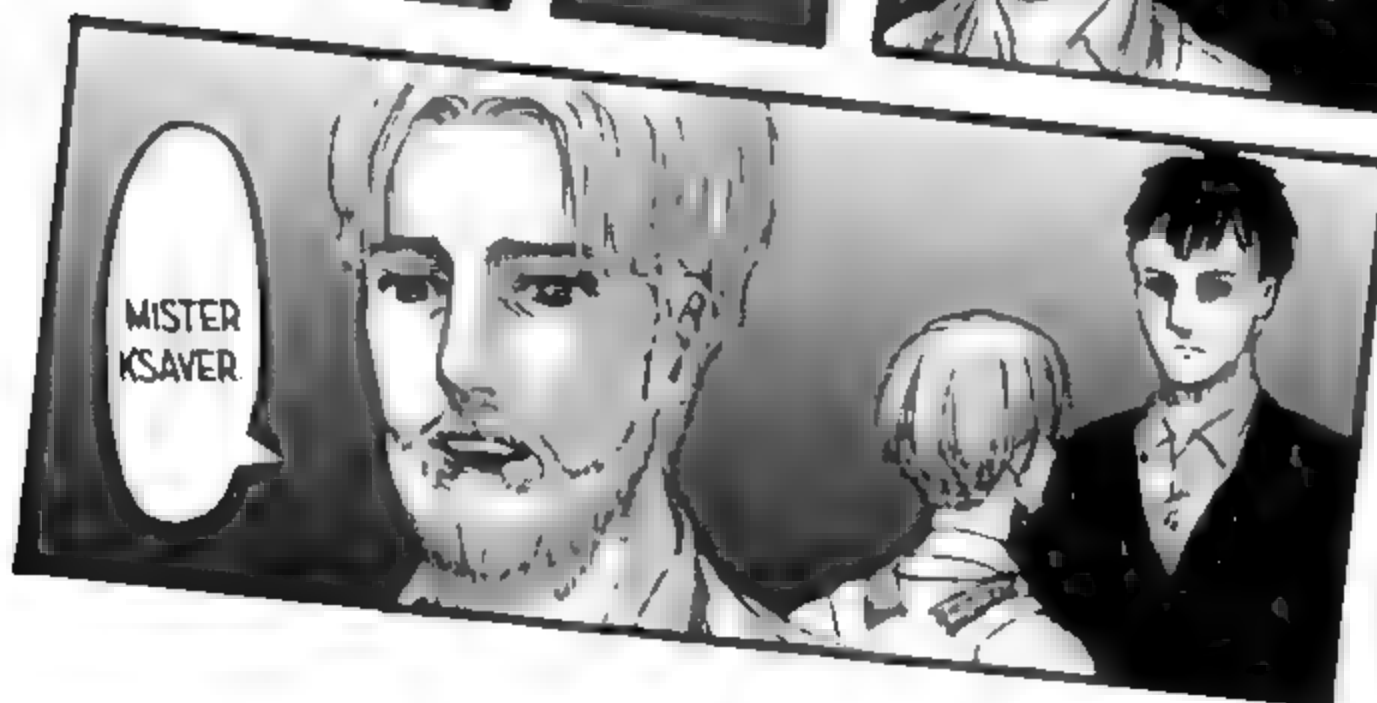
WHAT
THE
HELL'S
GOING
ON?!

IT'S
THANKS
TO MISTER
ZEKE...



...IN
THE WORLD
OF THE PATH,
WHERE
NEITHER
LIFE NOR
DEATH
EXISTS.

HE
WOKE UP
EVERYONE
WHO WAS
ASLEEP...



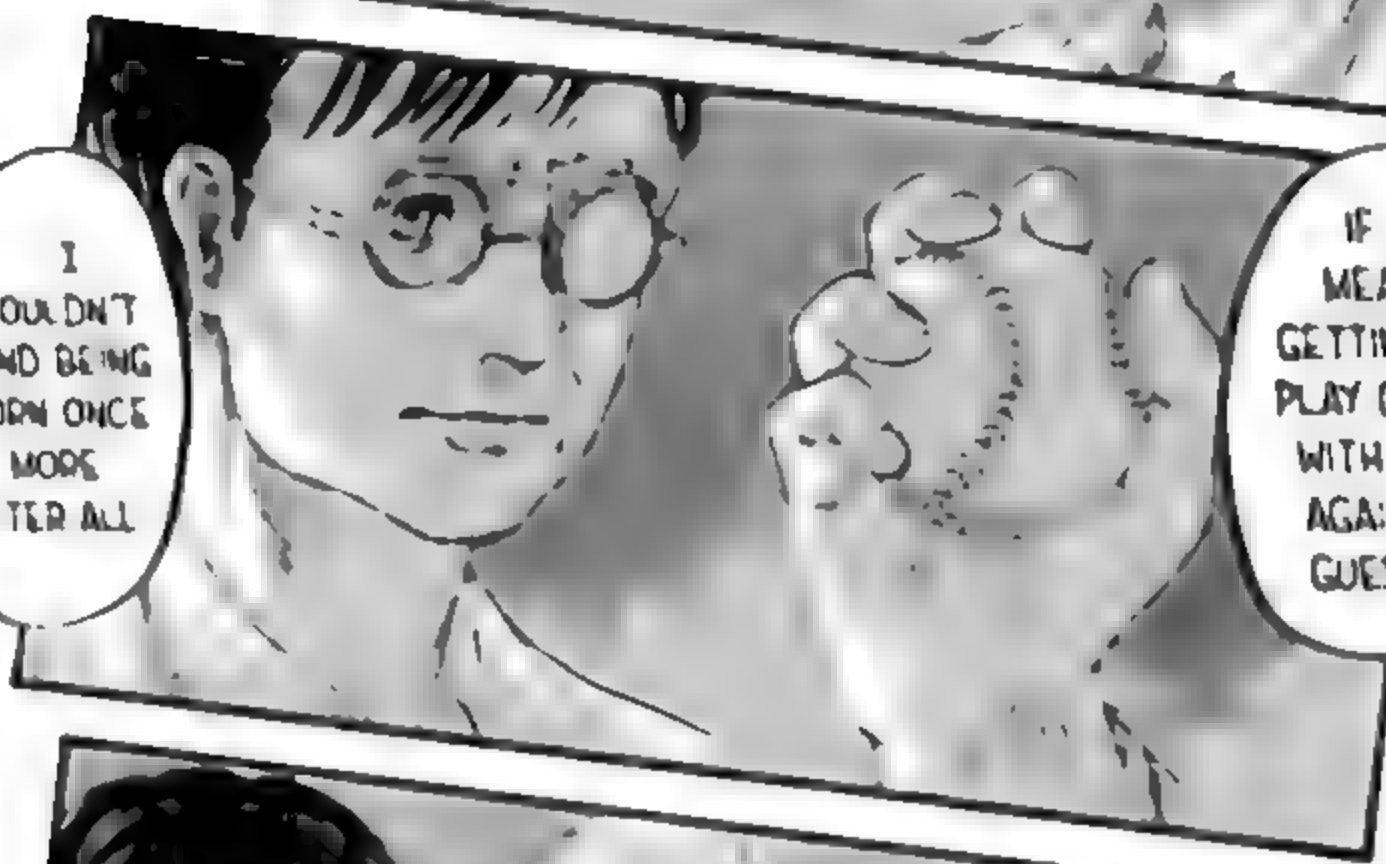
BUT



I STILL
DON'T THINK
THE
EUTHANIZATION
PLAN WAS
MISTAKEN...

OUR
DREAM WAS
NEVER
REALIZED...

I
WOULDN'T
MIND BEING
BORN ONCE
MORE
AFTER ALL



IF IT
MEANT
GETTING TO
PLAY CATCH
WITH YOU
AGAIN, I
GUESS



DAD

SO...I
SUPPOSE
I'LL
THANK
YOU



WE CAN'T
JUST STAY
HERE

THAT'S
WHY I
KNOW



...EVEN
YOUR
PREVIOUS
MEMORIES

YOUR
SE

YOUR
POWER

I TOOK
EVERYTHING
FROM YOU



LEND
ME YOUR
STRENGTH.

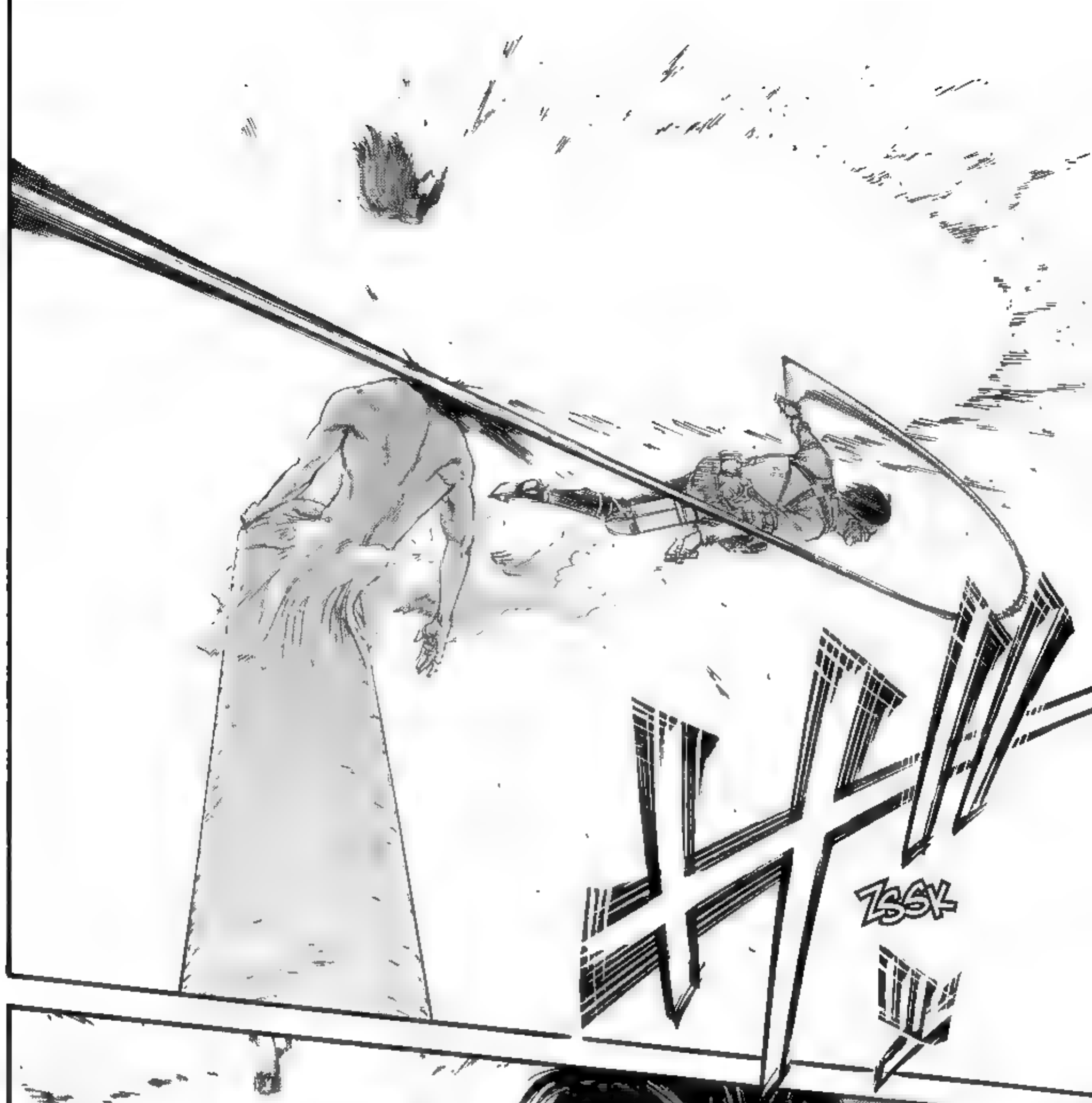
AFTER
ALL THE
KILLING
I'VE
DONE.

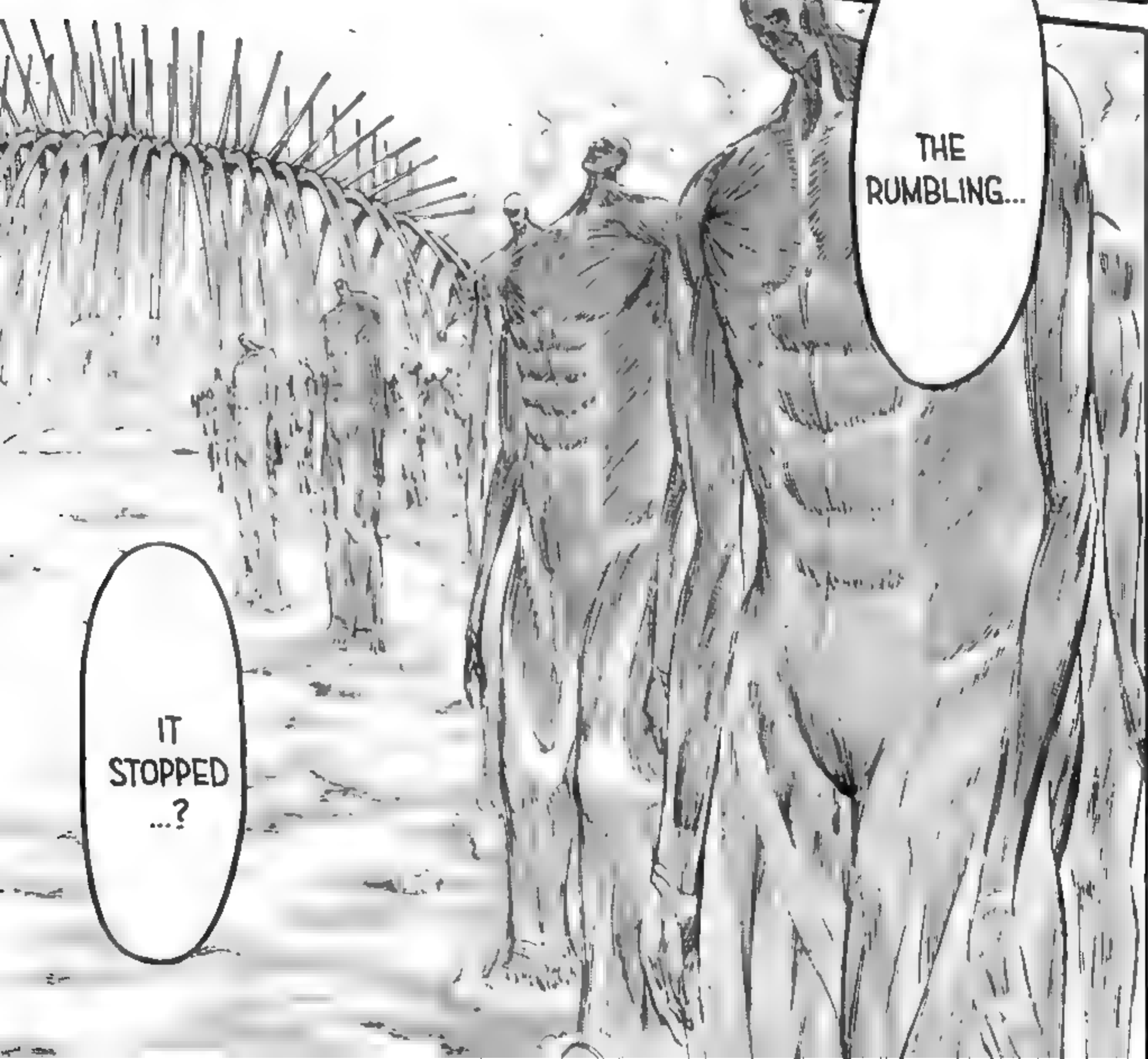
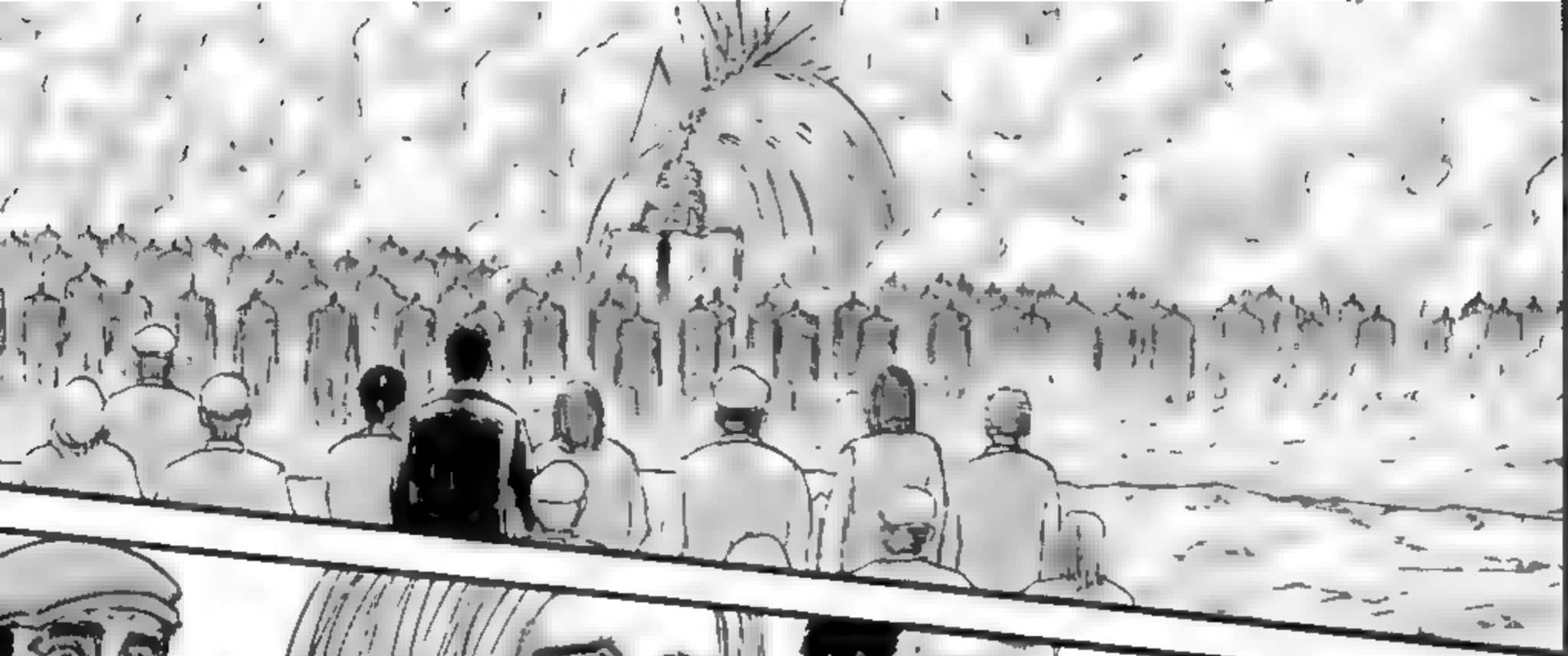
WELL

...THAT'S
ASKING
FOR TOO
MUCH..

...IF
ONLY I'D
REALIZED
THAT
EARLIER...

.. WHAT A
BEAUTIFUL
DAY IT IS.





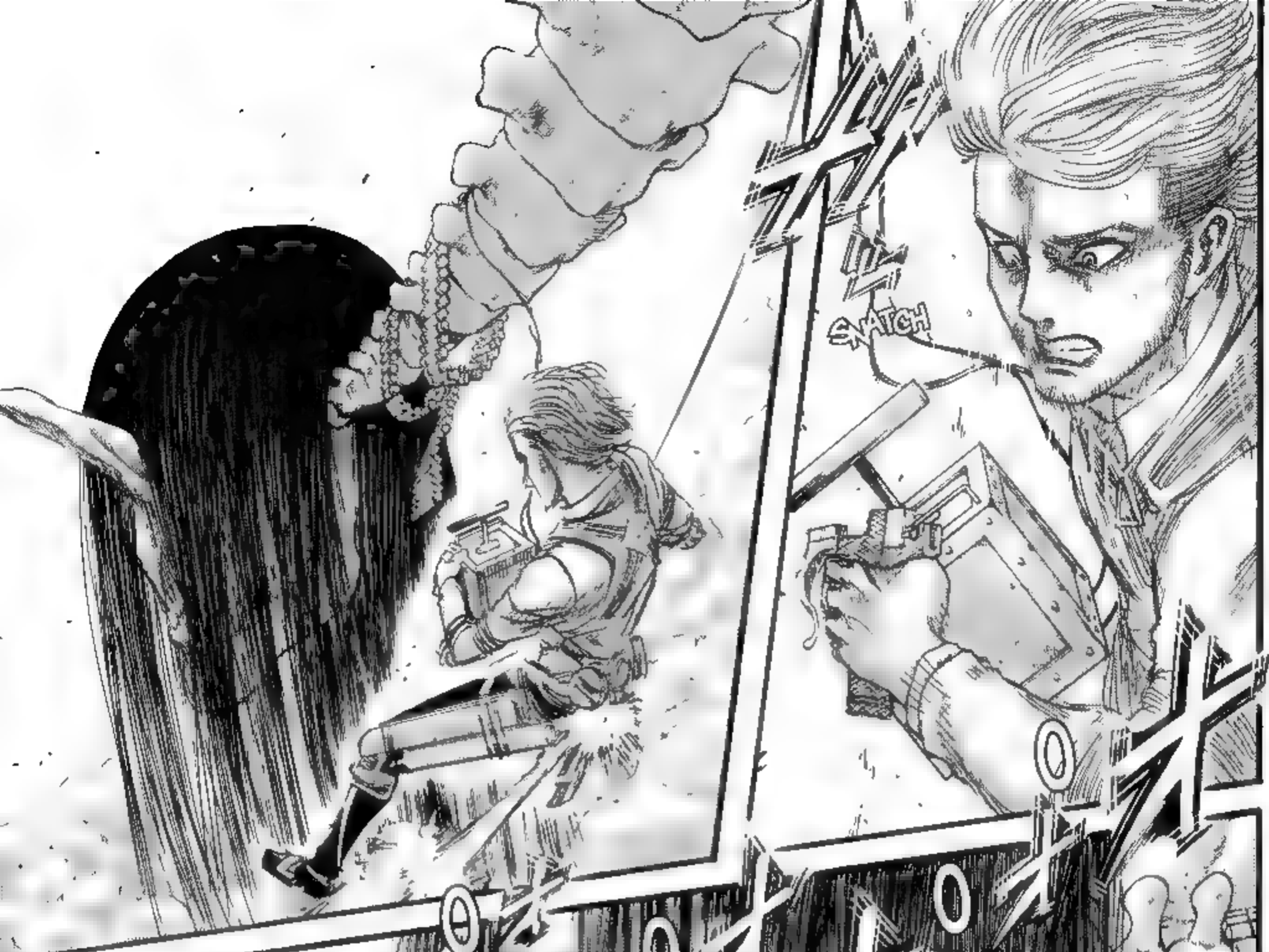
THE
RUMBLING...

IT
STOPPED
...?



JEAN!!

GÖ!!



...STUPID
LITTLE
SUICIDAL
BLOCK-
HEAAAAD!





AAAGH!



IT'S
GOING
AFTER
EREN'S
HEAD?!

IT'S
DOING IT
AGAIN...?!



THERE
IT IS!!



BOOM



REINER!!

JEAN!



PIECK!!



WE
NEED TO
GET AWAY
QUICK!!

ARMIN'S
GONNA BLOW
THOSE BONES
TO PIECES!!





...AND
MOST
OF
ALL



THE
ARMORED
TITAN SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
WITHSTAND
THE COLOSSUS
TITAN'S
EXPLOSION.



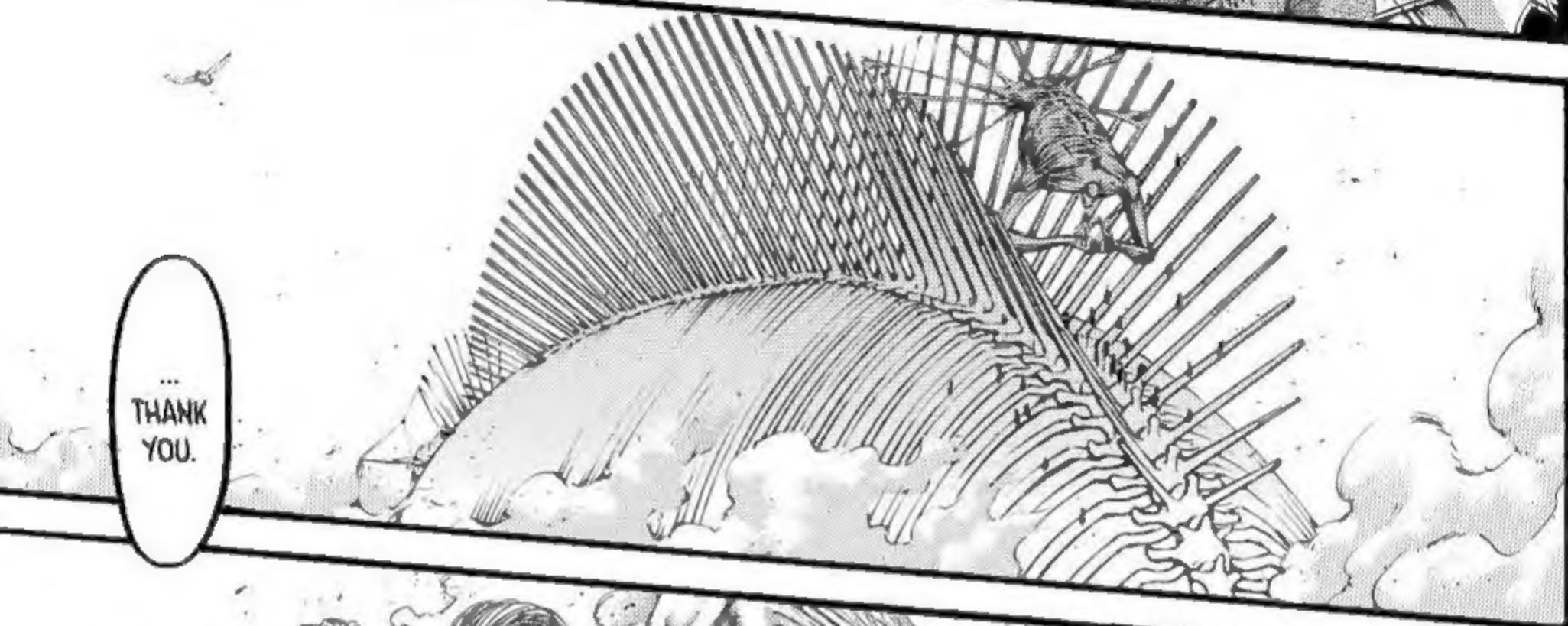
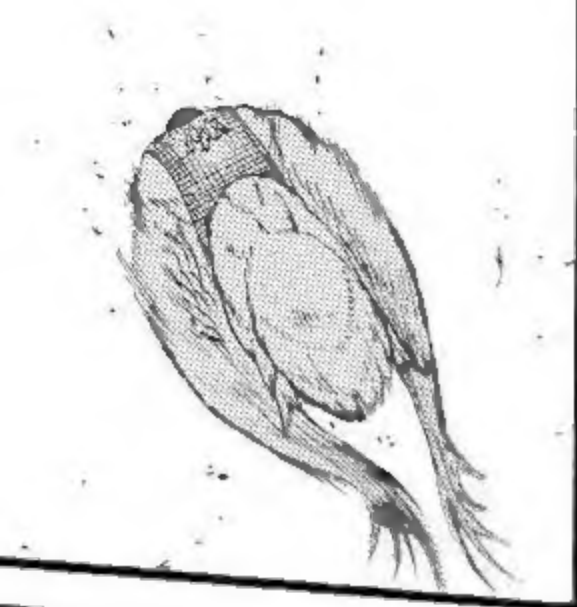
...WAIT!
BUT
REINER!!



REINER'S
PREPARED
FOR THE
CONSEQUENCES.

...TO
LET THIS
OPPORTUNITY
GET AWAY WOULD
BE TO LET
THAT GO TO
WASTE.



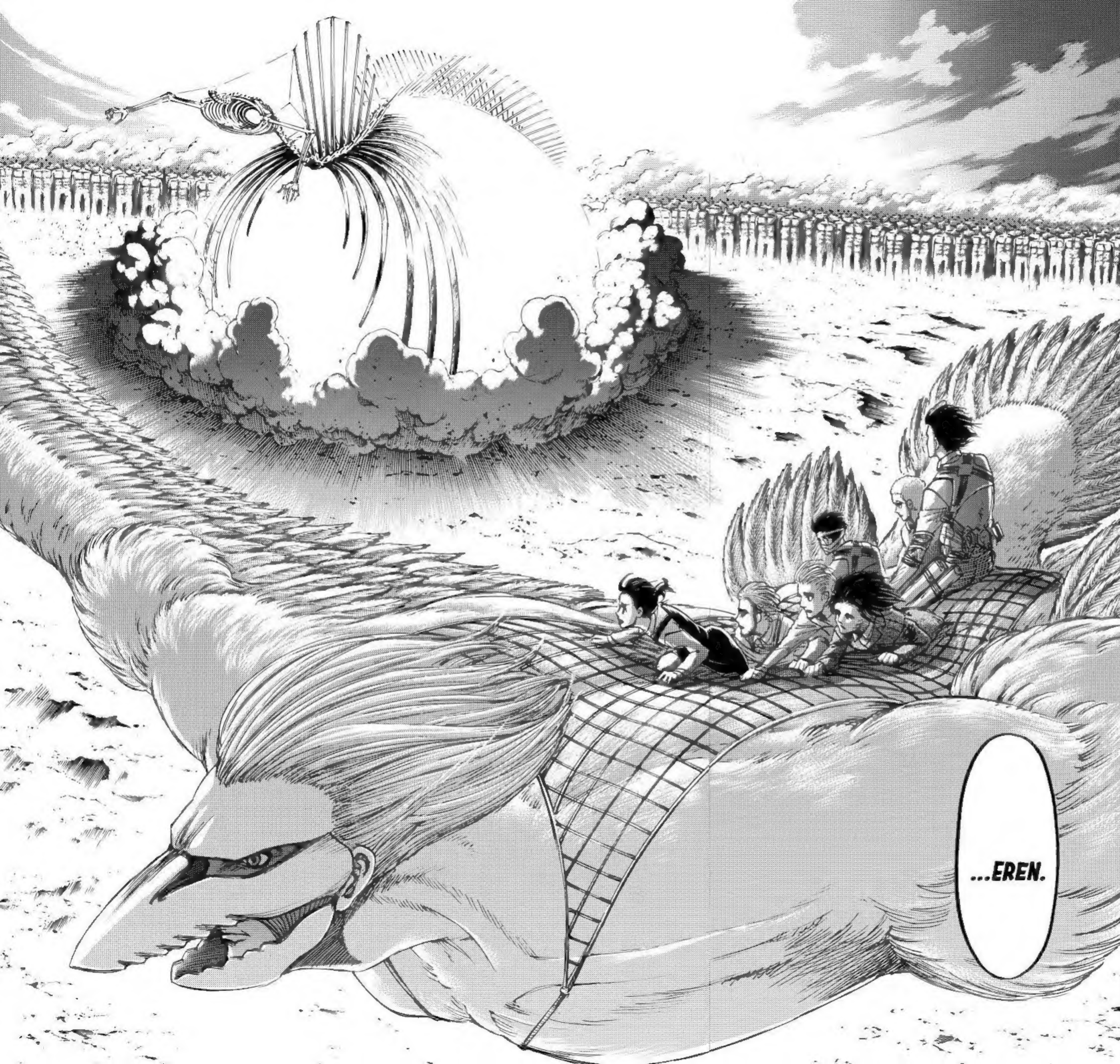


...
THANK
YOU.



WITHOUT
ALL OF YOUR
STRENGTH...

...WE
WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO
STOP THE
RUMBLING...



...EREN.



GOOD-BYE...